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SUBJECT:CHILEAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON UNDERSECRETARY MAW

1. AMBASSADOR HEITMANN CALLED ON UNDERSECRETARY MAW FEBRUARY 7 TO REITERATE GOC APPEAL FOR CLARIFICATION IN GOC'S FAVOR OF FAA BAN ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE STRESSED "DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES" FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND FINANCES SHOULD GOC FIND ITSELF OBLIGED TO SHIFT ITS LONG-STANDING ORIENTATION AWAY FROM U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND DOCTRINE. MINIMUM GOC DESIRE IS ADOPTION BY USG OF A "MORE FLEXIBLE INTERPRETATION" OF SECTION 25 RESTRICTIONS.

2. MAW RESPONDED THAT USG IS FULLY COGNIZANT OF THE PROBLEM AND DEEPLY LAMENTS CURRENT SITUATION. HE ACKNOWLEDGED SOME MERIT IN GOC LEGAL INTERPRETATION BUT OBSERVED THAT QUESTION IS NOT CLEAR CUT. MOREOVER OUR FINAL DETERMINATION MUST BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED LEST A LIBERAL INTERPRETATION OF RESTRICTIONS RESULT IN AN EVEN MORE STRINGENT BAN IN NEXT LEGISLATIVE CYCLE. HE ASKED FOR GOC UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION.

3. REFERRING TO HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION RAISED BY AMBASSADOR
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HEITMAN, MAW EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FUTURE EVENTS IN CHILE

WILL HELP US DEMONSTRATE TO CONGRESSIONAL CRITICS THAT BAN
IS NO LONGER JUSTIFIED

BY CIRCUMSTANCES. IN REVIEWING WHAT HE REPRESENTED AS
SUBSTANTIAL AMELIORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN
RECENT MONTHS, HEITMANN IMPLIED LITTLE MORE IS TO BE
EXPECTED BEYOND PLAY-OUT OF EXPULSION PROGRAM FOR STATE
OF SIEGE DETAINEES. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS HERE
OBSERVED THAT CONGRESS IS INTERESTED NOT ONLY IN SPEED
OF RELEASE PROCESS BUT ALSO HOW SOON CHILE RETURNS TO
ITS TRADITIONALLY EXEMPLARY SYSTEM OF CIVILIAN LAW AND
THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF
AMPARO. NOTING THAT CONGRESS SEEMS TO HAVE SENSED
SOME CHANGE, ROGERS SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY OF REVISIT BY
INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. HEITMANN
PARRIED THIS AND OTHER IDEAS FOR OBSERVER MISSIONS BUT
DID SUGGEST A US CONGRESSIONAL STUDY GROUP. IN WELCOMING
IDEA, WE INDICATED THAT ANY SUCH VISIT SHOULD NOT BE
CONFINED TO HUMAN RIGHTS BUT EMBRACE OTHER FACETS OF
CHILE'S SITUATION, INCLUDING ITS ECONOMIC CRISIS.
FINDING LEGISLATORS WILLING TO SERVE ON SUCH A MISSION
MIGHT BE A PROBLEM, WE NOTED.

4. RECOGNIZING THAT SOME HAVE EXPLOITED SITUATION FOR
PRIVATE PURPOSES, WE ASSURED HEITMANN THAT THE US
PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL CONCERN ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IS IN
GOOD FAITH AND STEMS BOTH FROM LONGSTANDING AND
SINCERE AMERICAN INTEREST IN IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES AS
WELL AS A SENSE OF RESPECT AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS WHICH HAS DEVELOPED OVER THE
YEARS. USG, HOWEVER, DOES NOT PRESUME TO TELL GOC
HOW TO GOVERN CHILE. WE WISH TO HELP IN EVERY WAY WE
CAN AND TO BE IN A POSITION TO CONTINUE TO HELP. INGERSOLL

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